LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Claims 1-7, 12, 13, 19-22, and 24 have been amended.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1.   (Currently Amended) A method of processing multiple incoming jobs in a reporting system, the method comprising the steps of:

assigning each incoming job a respective priority; and

servicing each of the multiple incoming jobs based on the respective priority assigned to each incoming job and on a non-random servicing scheme, wherein the servicing of each of the multiple incoming jobs includes scheduling each incoming job for servicing at a later time.

2.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of assigning each incoming job a priority is based on at least one attribute of the each incoming job.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the attribute of the each incoming job is at least one of an assigned value of the each incoming job, an estimated cost of the each incoming job, a project to which the each incoming job belongs, a requestor of the each incoming job, and a group to which the requester of the each incoming job belongs.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the each incoming job is one of a report or a request.

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the non-random servicing scheme effects processing of the each incoming jobs based solely on the priority of each respective incoming job.

6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the non-random servicing scheme effects processing of the multiple incoming jobs based the priority of each respective incoming job and on a servicing formula.

7.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 6, wherein the servicing formula is a fair share formula, the fair share formula effecting servicing of a each incoming job, which has been submitted by a requestor, based on the number of jobs the requester has submitted.

8.   (Original)   The method of claim 6, wherein the servicing formula is a first in - first out formula.

9.   (Previously presented)   The method of claim 6, wherein the servicing formula is overridden by an administrator.

10.   (Original)   The method of claim 6 wherein the servicing formula is altered on a scheduled basis.

11.   (Cancelled)

12.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further including the step of:

placing each incoming job into a selected queue, selected from a plurality of possible queues, based on the priority assigned to each incoming job; and

the step of servicing each of the multiple incoming jobs is performed based on the selected queue into which the each incoming job is placed.

13.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein assigning the priority to the each incoming job is based on a priority function, the priority function determining a priority

value based on a set of priority variables, the priority variables associated with ~~the~~ each incoming job.

14.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 12, wherein the selected queue includes a plurality of sub-queues, and assigning a priority includes assigning a queue priority and a sub-queue priority; and

the step of placing each incoming job into a selected queue includes placing each incoming job into a selected queue based on the queue priority and into a selected sub-queue, within such queue, based on the sub-queue priority.

15.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 12, wherein the non-random servicing scheme assigns threads to queues.

16.   (Original)   The method of claim 12, wherein the priority scheme is altered on a schedule basis.

17.   (Original)   The method of claim 12, wherein the priority scheme is overridden by an administrator.

18.   (Previously Presented)   The method of claim 15, further including the step of moving the threads from one queue to a second queue based on the non-random servicing scheme.

19.   (Currently Amended) A system for processing multiple incoming jobs in a reporting system, the system comprising:

a priority setting portion that assigns a priority to each incoming job;

a service portion that processes each incoming job based on the priority assigned to each incoming job and on a non-random servicing scheme, wherein the service portion that processes each incoming job includes scheduling each incoming jobs for servicing at a later time.

20. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 19, wherein the priority setting portion assigns a the priority to each incoming job based on at least one attribute of the each incoming job.

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 19, further including a queue placement portion that places each incoming job into a selected queue, selected from a plurality of possible queues, based on the priority assigned to each incoming job; and the service portion processes each incoming job based on the queue into which the each incoming job is placed.

22. (Currently Amended) A processor-readable medium comprising code for execution by a processor to prioritize and service jobs, that comprise one or more reports to be processed in a reporting system, the medium comprising:

code for assigning a priority to each incoming job; and

code for processing each incoming job based on the priority assigned to each incoming job and a non-random servicing scheme, wherein the code for processing each incoming job includes scheduling each incoming job for servicing at a later time.

23. (Previously Amended) The medium of claim 22, wherein the code for assigning a priority to each incoming job uses at least one attribute of each incoming job.

24. (Currently Amended) The medium of claim 22, wherein the code for assigning a priority to each incoming job effects placement of each incoming job into a selected queue, which is selected from a plurality of queues, and the code for processing each incoming job processes each incoming job based on the selected queue into which the each incoming job is placed.